

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 513 - HB 744

May 3, 2021

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Establishes a grant program in the District Attorneys General Conference (DAGC) to award grants to county governments for the purpose of assisting with the creation of a dedicated, accessible, safe and secure place for victims to meet with attorneys. Effective January 1, 2022, authorizes an aggregate amount not to exceed two percent of the total balance of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund (CICF) be used for such grants. Authorizes counties to receive a one-time grant of up to \$5,000 with a match requirement of at least 25 percent of the amount requested.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures – \$102,400/FY21-22/  
Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund

Increase Local Revenue – \$102,400/FY21-22

Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$128,000/FY21-22/Permissive

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (008120):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires the District Attorneys General Conference (DAGC) to: (1) assist in assessing whether victims of crime have separate and secure waiting areas during all critical stages of the judicial process; (2) submit a report to the Chairs of the Senate Judiciary Committee of the Senate and the House of Representatives Criminal Justice Committee by March 1, 2022, including if such waiting areas exist within each of the 31 judicial districts and recommendations to achieve the requirements outlined in Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-38-102; and (3) determine if grant funding is available for creating or improving such waiting areas and assist judicial districts in achieving such creation or improvement.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-38-102(b)(1), without requiring the expenditure of additional funds or additional construction or renovation whenever possible, victims of crime and prosecution witnesses should be provided waiting areas that are separate and secure from the defendant or defense witnesses during all stages of the judicial process.

- Any impact to DAGC resulting from the proposed legislation will be accomplished utilizing existing resources. Any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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